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<https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/assembly/index.html>

The systemwide Assembly of the Academic Senate is now listing on its website a "special meeting" on November 20th. In the past, the special meeting designation has been used when petitions have been received requiring a vote on some controversial issue. It goes without saying that there is much going on at UC that could trigger such a meeting. But absent an agenda, we don't know the topic(s) of this meeting.

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Sunday, November 2, 2025

Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 84



From the [Boston Globe](#): *An early-morning explosion inside a Harvard Medical School building in Boston appears to have been intentional, officials said Saturday. Around 2:50 a.m., a Harvard University police officer responded to a fire alarm at the Goldenson Building at 220 Longwood Ave., according to a statement from the Harvard University Police Department. When the officer arrived, two unidentified individuals were seen running from the building. The officer attempted to stop them before heading inside to investigate and check on the alarm. Once inside, the officer found evidence of an explosion in an area on the building's fourth floor, police said. The Boston Fire Department's arson unit later determined the blast appeared to have been deliberately set...*

Authorities did not immediately release further details about the two people seen fleeing the scene or the possible motive...

Full story at <https://www.bostonglobe.com/2025/11/01/metro/harvard-medical-school-intentional-explosion/>.

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All in 30 Minutes?

The ten Regents who have are dealing with UCLA/UC's conflict with the feds are having a 30-minute meeting on Tuesday. The quick duration is somewhat puzzling.

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TO THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA:

Because the membership of the Advisory Group on Research and Programs Funding Legal Issues ("Advisory Group") includes five members of the Regents' Governance Committee, there exists the potential for having present a quorum of a Regents' Committee when the advisory committee meets.

This notice of meeting is served in order to comply fully with pertinent open meeting laws. On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, there will be a Closed Session, Special Meeting of the Regents' Governance Committee concurrent with the Advisory Group to discuss Research and Programs Funding Legal Issues (Closed Session Statute Citation: Litigation [Education Code section 92032(b)(5)].)

The meeting will convene at 4:30 p.m. at 1111 Franklin Street, Oakland and adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m.

(Advisory Group members: Regents Anguiano, Cohen, Hernandez, Leib, Matosantos, Milliken, Reilly, Robinson, Sarris, and Sures)

Source:
https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/nov25/federal_meeting_11.4.2025.pdf.



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Money Ball



From the [Sacramento Bee](#): Justin Wilcox, UC Berkeley's head football coach, earned the title of highest paid state employee last year, earning \$4.7 million, according to the latest salary data. UCLA's head basketball coach, Michael Cronin, came in second after earning \$4.1 million in 2024. Head football and basketball coaches at public universities are often the most well paid government employees across

the country because those programs generate an enormous amount of revenue for the university system, said Roger Noll, a professor of economics emeritus at Stanford University.

For example, UC Berkeley and UCLA each took in more than \$45 million in revenue from their football teams in 2023, according to the latest numbers from the U.S. Department of Education. Wilcox and Cronin made substantially less than the previously highest-paid coach. UCLA paid its former football coach, Chip Kelly, \$7.1 million in 2023. Kelly is currently the offensive coordinator for the Las Vegas Raiders...

Full story at <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/the-state-worker/article312447469.html>.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 149

From [Inside Higher Ed](#): The University of Houston has scrapped a previously required class that teaches master of social work students about societal power imbalances, racial prejudice and social justice. The decision was made without any faculty input, sources told Inside Higher Ed... "As part of upcoming changes to the curriculum and degree plan, this course will not be offered at this time," the officials wrote. "We understand that this adjustment may raise questions, and we want to assure you that it will not affect any student's ability to successfully progress through the MSW program or meet graduation requirements on time."

The email did not include further explanation for why the course would be cut or what the upcoming changes to the curriculum would be, and spokespeople for the University of Houston didn't share any information that wasn't already included in that email. The move fits with recent actions by every public university system in Texas to review, flag or censor course content related to gender identity and race. Earlier this month, the University of Houston said officials were completing a review of general education courses in compliance with Texas Senate Bill 37, which took effect this fall. The bill requires all public institutions to review general education curricula every five years, though the first reviews are not due until 2027...



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Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/faculty-issues/curriculum/2025/10/23/university-houston-cancels-oppression-justice-course>.

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Fall Back

Surely you remembered to set your clocks back one hour as part of the spring-forward/fall-back ritual. And you may dimly recall a ballot initiative in California that seemed to say we would stay on daylight time in contrast to what actually occurred. You might wonder why the initiative seems to have had no effect on actual practice.



In addition, you may have been reading the articles that appear whenever the clocks change about why it's upsetting.*

So, we again provide you with more information from a 2022 lecture by yours truly about time and time changes than you ever wanted to know: (And since it was winter 2022, the lecture was delivered complete with a required COVID mask.)

<https://archive.org/details/mitchell-time-edited>

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*<https://www.wtvr.com/news/national-news/daylight-saving-time-how-americans-feel-about-changing-clocks-oct-30-2025>; <https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/daylight-saving-time-sleep-21123220.php>.

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Saturday, November 1, 2025

Just an observation...



When I go to the "weekly federal update" at:

<https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/federal-updates/weekly-federal-update-brief>

on the UC website, the latest item is from October 1.

My calendar tells me this is November 1. Just an observation...

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